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Following are Q&A's Department Press Briefing, March 20 re

Canadian-U.S. ABM situation:

Trudeau

QUOTE: Q: Mr. ~~Trudeau~~ said that Canada has been receiving some information about our ABM system and that he would talk about it down here and there might be a question of Canadian participation. Just through what channels has this information gone and what kind of participation is envisioned, if any?

A: Well, I think the Defense Department has already pointed out that there have been consultations with the Canadian Government on aerospace matters as they pertain to ABM. These discussions are continuing, so I am limited as to getting into official specifics.

Q: However, I should make clear that the question of permission to fire such missiles over Canada has not been raised during the course of these conversations. I am obviously speaking for the present.

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Q: Do we need to raise it or is it up to them to raise it?

A: I have nothing more to say at this time.

Q: Would it be all right to add at the end of your statement the phrase "by either side" -- "has not been raised by either side"?

A: FOR BACKGROUND, that is my understanding, yes. UNQUOTE

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